

HILL HOUSE (K-388)
Kennedyville, Maryland
(ca 1885)

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAMEHISTORIC *SCHAEFFER HOUSE*AND/OR COMMON *HILL HOUSE (preferred)***2 LOCATION**STREET & NUMBER *east side Main Street, third lot south of junction with Route 444.*CITY, TOWN *Kennedyville*

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE *Maryland*

21645

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTYNAME *Mr. and Mrs. D. Raymond Hill*Telephone #: *(301) 348-5160*STREET & NUMBER *Kennedyville, MD 21645*

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. *Kent County Court House*Liber #: *WHG 36*Folio #: *228*

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN *Chestertown, Maryland*STATE *21620***6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED slightly

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Hill House is a simple rectangular building with remarkable sawn ornament on the front porch.

Three bays 28' 10" wide and, two 16' 6" deep, the main house has a gable roof with its ridge set parallel to the street. There are two gable dormers in the front slope; they have two over two sash, horizontally boarded cheeks and faces with sawn-work cut to resemble pilasters. The roof has overhanging eaves with cyma recta crown mold. There are two small casement windows in each attic gable. To the rear is an ell which also has a gable roof.

Windows in the main house have two over two sash, plain trim and plain projecting wooden sills. They are evenly spaced in the front facade. The main entry has three pane transom lights and side lights. The side light panel has bolection moldings as does the four panels of the door. The upper door panels are round beaded. This door assembly is enriched by carved dentils on the transom bar.

The chief decorative feature of this little house is its beautiful front porch, which has a shallow hip roof supported on flat columns. These are made up of panels of sawn-work in a foliated pattern set in frames. There are also large flat bracketts.

The building is frame, covered with aluminum siding.

Inside is a nicely proportioned right angle stair set in a wide side hall. Like most other stairs of this period this one has an octagonal walnut newel post, turned balusters, and an open string.

In the living room (the only first floor room in the main house) is a tall turn of the century mantle with a high shelf supported by plain columns with acanthus-leaf capitols. There is a mirror beneath this shelf that has a frame of delicate egg and dart carving. Above the fireplace opening is another shelf on acanthus leaf bracketts. The mantle is probably oak and originally had a Latrobe stove. In all likelihood, it replaces an earlier mantle.

The trim in the main house is about 4" wide and made up of a bead-fascia-ogee and bevel-fillet composite. Doors have four shallow raised panels and agee and bevel applied panel moldings.

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

ca/1885

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Hill House is significant because it illustrates the range of ornament available to the late 19th century builder. The porch, in particular, is handsome in proportion, and the craftsmanship of the unusual sawn-work columns is extraordinary. Even the mantle and stair, inexpensive items available through catalogs, are well executed. In form, size, plan and materials this building is typical of one of the most common vernacular houses of the period.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE _____ COUNTY _____

STATE _____ COUNTY _____

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

Kent County Planning Commission

DATE

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STREET & NUMBER

Court House

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Chestertown, Maryland

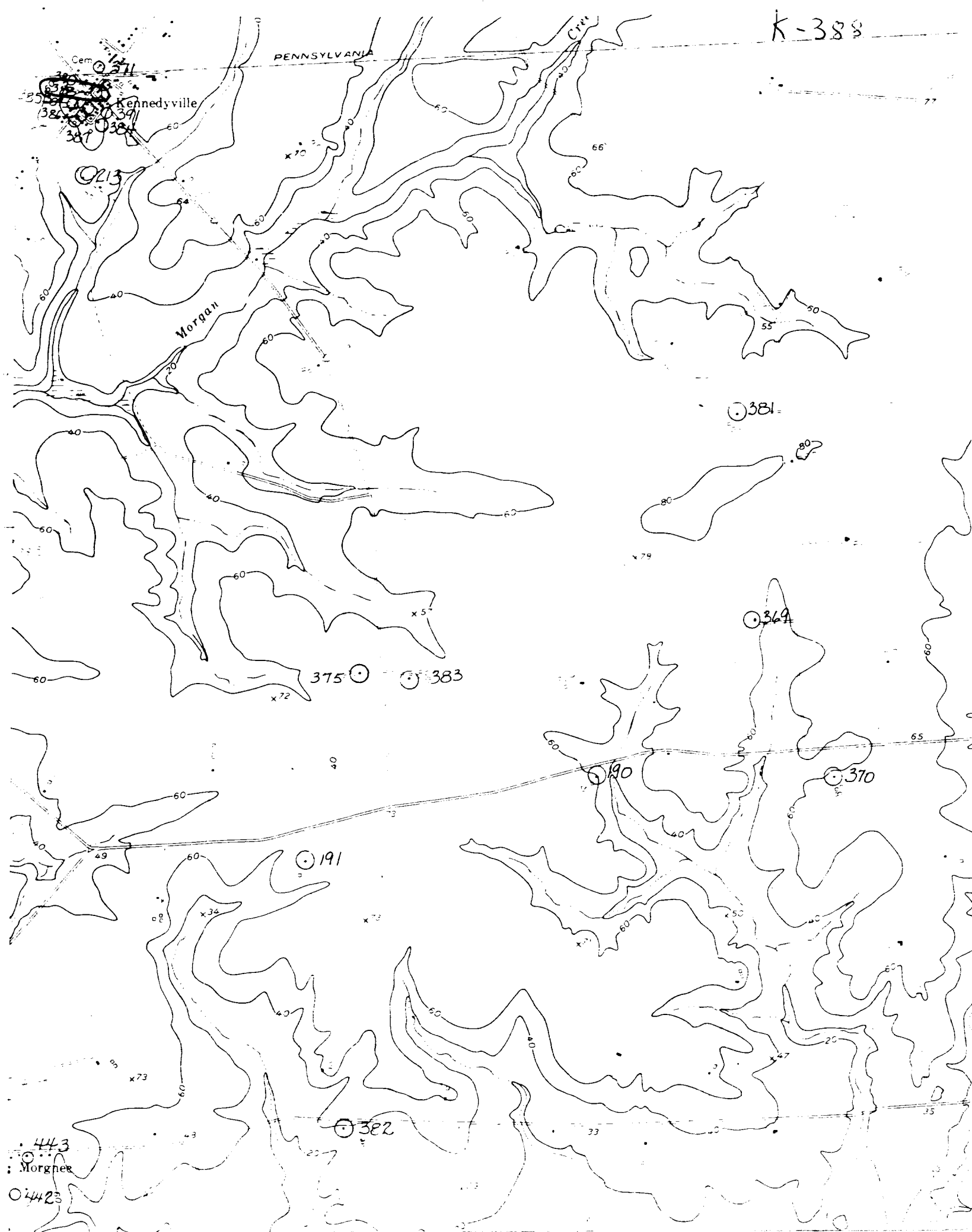
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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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View to Northeast

Kennedville

Kent County

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